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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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Hongkong, and June, 1897. [3]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, 8th November, 1897. [4]

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THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, 1st August, 1897. [5]

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [7]

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [9]

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The above Company is prepared to accept
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CHAU TSUNG FAT,
Secretary,
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 20th May, 1894. [10]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

—(20)—

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS
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JAPANRosettaF. N. TillardNoon, 3rd Dec. ...{ Freight-Passage.
(Passing through the Inland Sea).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [11]

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Hongkong, 22nd November, 1897. [13]

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Hongkong, 22nd November, 1897. [14]

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The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all
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Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [15]

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DRESS SHIRTS—WIDE FRONTS,
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DANCING PUMPS,
SILK HOSIERY,
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Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [16]

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY. LIMITED.

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SOLE AGENTS IN
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UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
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CUVEE RESERVE.

THIS superb brand has never before been
exported to the East, as the demand has
been extremely large and is continually increasing
at home.

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THE WINST SINCE THIS YEAR 1893.
A trial will prove that the wine is of no mean
order and it has been pronounced by eminent
connoisseurs to be the best procurable.

GOOD WINE NEEDS NO BUSH.
Nothing more than a trial is invited.

G. GIRAL.

No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong, 24th November, 1897. [17]

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRADE MARKS
ORDINANCES NOS. 16 OF 1873 AND 20 OF 1895,
AND
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF STOLTERFOHT & HAGAN FOR LEAVE TO REGISTER A CERTAIN TRADE
MARK.

NOTICE is hereby given that HERMANN
STOLTERFOHT of Victoria in the
Colony of Hongkong Sole member of the firm
of STOLTERFOHT and HAGAN carrying on
business at Victoria, also said and elsewhere as
a Merchant and Commission Agent under the
style of STOLTERFOHT and HAGAN has, on
the 17th day of August, 1897, applied to His
Excellency the Governor of Hongkong for leave
to register a certain TRADE MARK in the
office of the Colonial Secretary of the Colony of Hongkong
in the name of STOLTERFOHT and HAGAN.

The said TRADE MARK has been or is intended
to be used in respect of the following goods:

1. Chemical substances of all sorts.
2. Medicines and drugs.

3. Raw or partly prepared vegetable, animal
and mineral substances used in manufacture,
photography or philosophical research,
and anti-corrosives.

4. Unwrought and partly wrought metals.
5. Machinery of all kinds.

6. Musical instruments.

7. Horological instruments.

8. Instruments, apparatus and contrivances for
surgical or curative purposes or in relation
to health of men or animals.

9. Cutlery and edge tools.

10. Metal goods (including lamps, needles and
umbrella frames).

11. Precious metals and jewellery and imitations
of such goods and jewellery.

12. Manufactures from mineral and other sub-
stances for building or decoration.

13. Goods of any description manufactured from
caoutchouc, India rubber or guia percha.

14. Arms, ammunition and stores.

15. Silk goods.

16. Cloths and stuffs of wool, worsted or hair.

17. Woollen, worsted and hair goods of all
kinds.

18. Articles of clothing.

19. Substances used as food or as ingredients in
food (including butter, margarine and other
substitutes for butter, preservatives and
biscuits).

20. Detergents, illuminating heating or fabricat-
ing oils, and starch blue and ether preparations
for laundry purposes.

21. Toilet articles, preparations for the teeth and
hair and perfumed soap.

22. Games of all kinds, archery, fishing tackle
and toys.

23. Walking sticks, brushes and combs.

24. Skins unroughed and wrought and articles
made of leather.

25. Tobacco, whether manufactured or unmanu-
fact

To-day's
Advertisements.

BOXING
AT
CITY HALL,
ON
WEDNESDAY, the 1st December, 1897,
at 9 p.m.
LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF HONGKONG.

PEARSON—"W. York" 1st. Div.

DACEY—"Navy" 1st. Div.

FOUR (4) OTHER CONTESTS.
SEATS can be booked at Messrs. ROBINSON & CO.

PRICES, AS USUAL.

HARPER,
Stag Hotel,
Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [174]

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

In
ST. GEORGE'S HALL
on
FRIDAY, the 3rd December, 1897,
at 9.15 P.M.

PROGRAMME:

1. Overture to..... "Zampa"..... Herold.
2. Song..... "Call-me-back"..... Dennis Mrs. Dowdall.
3. Violin Solo... "Andante"..... Grif. M. Glaud.
4. Song..... Mr. A. Fleit.
5. Allegro Mo. f "Symphony" Schubert, derita from (No. 8) B. Minor.

PART II.

1. Fest March from Tannhäuser..... Wagner.
2. Song..... "Light in Darkness"..... Cowen.
3. Chariot Solo... "Scott Fantasy".... Lazarus. Mr. W. G. Bentley, A.R.C.M.
4. Song..... An old Love Dream..... St. Quens. Mr. A. C. Van Noppen.
5. Overture to..... Hansel & Gretel..... Humperdinck.

SEATS may be booked at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & CO'S.

ALEX. CUMMING,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [175]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship
"PRIAM,"
Captain Baker, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at Noon.
For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [175]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"PORTADELAIDE,"
Captain Morgan, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at Noon.
For Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [175]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"MIRZAPORE,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where such consignment will be stored out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo:-
From London, &c., in S.S. "Arcadia".
From Australia, in S.S. "Oceania".
From Calcutta, in S.S. "Palawan".
From Persian Gulf, in S.S. "Henry Bulwer", "Kandahar" and "Aspira".

Goods not cleared by the 5th December at 4 P.M. will be subject to test.

No fire insurance will be effected by me in case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [175]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS OF CARGO per Steamship
"BELGIC." The above steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their goods from long-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stowed at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [175]

£100,000,000 UNCLAIMED!

DOUGAL'S REGISTERED LIST containing names of 20,000 families advertised for, to claim property and money since 1800. Price 1s. 6d., post free 2s. Every man and woman should buy this book, as instructions are given how to recover property from Clancy, DOUGAL & CO., 66, Strand, London, Eng. Ext. 1844. A fortune may await you. Wills & Co. searched for.

Notices.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY,
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RASPBERRYADE, &c.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1897.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

UGANDA.

LONDON, November 26th.

Further news received from Uganda is reassuring.

PARLIAMENT.

Parliament will meet on February 8th.

THE SCENE IN THE AUSTRIAN REICHSRATH.

Thirteen deputies of the Reichsrath have been suspended and removed by the police. They stormed the platform of the House, and the President fled.

GREAT-BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN WEST AFRICA.

A rumour has reached the Colonial Office of a conflict between 400 British and a French force at Nikki, but it is officially discredited.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE red buoy by Hainan Head is lost.

THE buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.27 per £.

THE German cruiser Irene left to-day bound north.

THE Canadian mail is expected here to-morrow afternoon.

FOR dredging in the man-of-war anchorage ten bonfires were fired \$1 each at the Magistracy to-day.

DR. R. M. Gibson arrived by the English mail to assume the office of Superintendent and Secretary of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals.

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY.

At the office of the Hongkong Telegraph you can see, and procure for SIX DOLLARS, a Copy of the Webster's, the latest and most emphatic proof that *Labor omnia vincit*. Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [151]

NOTICE!

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TELEGRAPH'S NEWSROOM who call on board all vessels arriving in the waters of the colony.

N.B.—The Telegraph's newsboys and girmen have received special instructions to charge only 10 cents per copy for the paper and if they ask for 20 cents it is done in violation of their instructions, and the Manager will therefore be glad to hear from anyone who is asked to pay more than 10 cents.

All complaints respecting irregularity in the delivery of the Telegraph to subscribers as regards any overcharge by the newsboys or girmen should be addressed to

The Manager.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

OFFICE,
No. 6, Peader's Hill,

Hongkong, 12th October, 1897. [151]

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with full details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Posts.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 12th October, 1897. [151]

A FOOTBALL match was played at Happy Valley on Saturday between Kowloon and Centurions. The former had a very strong team and won by four goals to nil.

FOOTBALL.
The following is the record in the Six-a-side Competition.—

Record to 27th November, 1897.

Teams.

	HOME	AWAY	GOALS	POINTS
Mobley	3	2	0	1
Locke	3	2	0	2
Davies	2	0	0	2
Mackay	3	0	1	3
Wood	2	0	0	0

MOOLA SINGH, Indian constable No. 649, was charged at the Magistracy to-day with stealing \$1.50 from a bawler at Tsim-tsu-tsui. The complainant stated that on the 24th instant, between 6 and 7 p.m., he came out of Mr. Dobree's garden at Kowloon, with his basket of fruit when the defendant arrested him. He searched complainant's purse and found \$1.50, which he kept, and then let complainant go. He reported the matter at the Police Station the next day. Witness described the money that was stolen and added that the defendant was in uniform at the time. Robert Graham, A.S. 24, gave evidence of the report and stated that after it was made he searched the defendant's bag in his presence and found \$1.80 in it, some of the money resembling that which had been lost. Inspector Kemp said that at the time of the theft the defendant was on duty on Nos. 1 and 2 boats, Kowloon, and was the only constable in these quarters and also that he joined the Police in October, 1896, for five years. The case was adjourned till to-morrow morning as defendant said he wanted to employ a solicitor for his defence. Ball was refused.

THE tidal wave to which we recently referred as having played havoc with the hemp crop in the Philippines appears to have been accompanied by a cyclone. A telegram from Madrid, dated October 21, says—A terrible cyclone, which occurred on the 18th inst., has devastated the Island of Leyte, one of the Visayan group of the Philippine Islands. Carigara and Burgo, situated on the eastern coast of the island, were completely destroyed, but the town of Leyte itself, owing to its position, escaped with comparatively little damage. An immense wave swept inland and engulfed several villages. In the town of Tacloban several thousands of natives perished. The cyclone also swept over the island of Samar. The full extent of the disaster is not yet known, but the damage caused in the Island of Leyte is estimated at 7,500,000. Leyte, which belongs to the Visayas or Finlaid Islands, lies to the north of Mindanao, from which it is separated by the Strait of Surigao. Its area is 9,000 square kilometers, with a population of some 250,000. The interior of the island is mountainous and not thoroughly explored. The coast districts are well watered and productive, although hurricanes often cause great destruction.

A PROCLAMATION by His Excellency the Governor is published in Saturday's *Gazette* prohibiting the exportation of arms, ammunition etc. from this Colony for a further period of six months from the 28th inst.

A SPECIAL session of the Justices of the Peace will be held at the Magistracy on Tuesday, 7th proximo, to consider an application from M. Steinberg to transfer his publican's license for the Colonial Hotel to J. H. Donnenberg.

SENTENCE of six months was passed on a Celestial at the Magistracy this morning for selling opium to prostitutes in Square Street. This is the delinquent's second conviction for the same offence, and his second term of six months.

WE are requested to state that special trains for the Peak will leave, in connection with St. Andrew's Ball, at 12.30, 1.30, and 2 a.m. Launches have been arranged for Kowloon, leaving this side at midnight, 1 a.m., 1.30 a.m., and 2 a.m.

BY special arrangement, through the kind courtesy of the management of the Kowloon Hotel, one more attraction has been added to the numerous delights of existence in the peninsula on the mainland, namely, the Hongkong Telegraph supplied every evening to all residents of Kowloon who send along to the Manager of the Kowloon Hotel the paltry sum of ten cents.

T. NORTHCOTT (H. M. S. "Tamar") and J. H. HECKER (Naval Dockyard) will box 12 rounds with 6 cwt. gloves in the Theatre Royal on the 11th instant. Both men are clever heavyweights, and each of them turns the scale at the same point. They are in active training and much interest is centred in the event, both having many warm partisans ashore and afloat. The prize is to be a purse presented by a Hongkong resident.

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NOTICE is given by the Coast Inspector that the Keepers at the Lantau-shan Forestry Light-house on hearing a bell, fog horn, steam whistle, or any other sound, during foggy or thick weather, which shall indicate the proximity of a vessel, will fire 3 guns with an interval of one minute between the first and second and the second and third, and, if the vessel's fog signal shows that she is under way—is still heard, will repeat the firing after an interval of fifteen minutes.

THOSE who take an interest in feats of skill in the "manly art" will be regaled with a liberal bill of fare in the Theatre Royal on Wednesday evening. Pearson, W. Y. R., the lightweight Champion of the Colony, will box an unbent man, named Dacey, from H. M. S. "Johannes"; two banian weightmen from the U. S. S

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1897.

THE INDIAN FRONTIER WARS.

THE SAMPAHGA PASS CAPTURED.

CAPTURE OF THE ARHANGA PASS.

TRAH OCCUPIED—RETIREMENT OF THE AFRIDUS.

CAMP KORAPPY, October 27th.

There was no firing into camp last night, partly because the tribesmen had temporarily disappeared, and partly because some of the surrounding hills were held by detachments from our force with a view to keeping off sharp-shooting. As the 15th Sikhs were travelling to Kangarbar village yesterday, a stray shot hit Colonel Hadow, D.S.O., of that regiment, in the leg, and though only a flesh wound, it will necessitate his return to India.

The tribesmen still hold the Sampahga heights and the broken ground on this side and behind it. The advance takes place to-morrow. The 1st Division, under General Symons, moves on the western side, and the 2nd Division (General Yeatman Biggs') on the eastern side. The objective is Kaudi Mishit. The Northampton and 36th Sikhs have a specific task assigned them.

CAMP GANDAKI, October 28th.

Both divisions marched here to-day, with the exception of the 1st Madras Pioneers, who have remained at Korappa. The 3rd Brigade marched in later in the day. There was little or no opposition on the part of the enemy. The Northampton Regiment and the 36th Sikhs were sent at 4 a.m. from Korappa to seize two hills about fifty yards distant from this camp. On the eastern side the hill was taken without opposition, although it has lately been strongly occupied. The enemy were probably surprised by the early hour of the assault. Colonel Biggs commanded the two regiments concerned. When those regiments reached the summit a well aimed fire was directed on them from some hill further to the east. Detachments are holding various commanding points around the camp. A reconnaissance was made by two regiments from here, and Colonel Sage, 3rd Gurkhas, was slightly wounded in the leg.

JALALA, October 29th.

Sir Bindon Blood, with the Divisional Headquarters, the 1st Field Battery, the Highland Light Infantry and 4th Company Bengal Sappers and Miners, arrived here this morning after a long and dusty march, the weather in the plains being perceptibly warmer. The 1st Brigade follows to-morrow, and these troops will stay where they are pending the decision of the Government as to their employment. The defences of Dargai have been much strengthened by a high wire entanglement all round and blockhouses at one corner, which will make the post practically safe against any attack of the tribesmen. The effect of the Dum-Dum balls, as contrasted with that of the bullet used in 1895, is commented on by the tribesmen who say "it must now be possessed by something supernatural, and consider the rifle is not worth shooting, about which they had their doubts before."

Since the force started from Malakand for the Mankund country and Nawgapur there have been the following deaths from disease only, including those in Nowshera base hospital: British ranks 7; natives 5, followers 8. This shows how healthy this country is.

October 30th.

A messenger, who was sent into Buner in August has returned bringing much useful information. He states that the Buneris lost about 200 men in July and August, of whom 200 were killed at Landakai. The Daulatis lost 70 men there from the artillery fire and Hassan Ali of Black Mountain force pursued the men from three sections to save themselves to defend the Buner passes when attacked, and so led them in a southerly direction near the Jhang camp. These were kept well away from the camp by the 13th Bengal Lancers. The Swatis seem to have fought that day only at Nawa Killi, where Lieutenants MacLean and Greaves were killed.

General Melville John with the 1st Brigade arrived here this morning,

Mastura Valley, 29th October.—There was very little opposition to the two divisions to contend with in taking the Sampahga Pass. The brigades moved off, beginning at 5 a.m.: No. 1 Brigade, Brigadier-General Hart's, sent a regiment to make a turning movement on each flank on a very difficult road. The other brigade, Brigadier-General Gascoole's, of General Symons' division, made a direct attack covered by the artillery and three batteries of the 2nd Division under Lieutenant-Colonel Purdy. The 4th and 3rd Brigades supported the 2nd Brigade. Brigadier-General Sprague commanded all the six batteries, and sent Lieutenant-Colonel Duhby with the three batteries of the 1st Division on to an advanced position. As the 2nd Brigade moved forward Lieutenant-Colonel Purdy's three batteries then advanced in turn. Captain De Butt, commanding the 5th Bombay, M.B., was mortally wounded as his battery was coming up into action close to the top of the Pass, and died very shortly afterwards. Major Hanford Flood, commanding the Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, was wounded in the arm early in the action, but nevertheless continued to lead his regiment. The Pass was taken about 10 a.m.

The Pass on both sides is fit for camels. The enemy retired northwards, setting fire to the fields in many of the villages on the north side. The Mastura Valley is a fine open valley with many two-storyed hamlets, and a good supply of water in the river. The enemy's casualties are probably small, as they did not let the troops get to close quarters. It is believed that the Afridis did not assist in the defence of the Pass. The casualties are about 4 killed and 17 wounded.

Camp Mastura, 30th October.—The two divisions are halting here to-day and awaiting the arrival of their baggage, a great deal of which failed to go through the Sampahga Pass last night. There was no firing into camp last night.

Sir William Lockhart with three regiments and a mountain battery, under Brigadier-General Kempster, is making a reconnaissance towards the Arhangha Pass.

The casualties are said to be:—Royal West Surrey, 1 killed and 8 wounded; Vôrabhâr, 4 wounded; No. 1 M. B. R. A., 3 wounded; No. 5 Bombay Mountain Battery, Captain De Butt killed; Northamptons, 1 wounded; 5th Sikhs, 3 wounded; 4th Gurkhas, 1 wounded; 3rd Punjab Infantry, 2 wounded; Rocket Section, 1 wounded; total, 10 killed and 14 wounded.

Arhangha Pass, 31st October.—This pass was taken to-day with very little difficulty. The brigades left camp at 6 a.m. in the following order, viz., 4th, 3rd and part of 1st. The 4th Brigade, commanded by General Westmacott, made a direct attack on a conical hill with a village on the top some 1,000 yards in front of the pass. The three batteries of the 2nd Division under Lieutenant-Colonel Purdy, then came into action from this hill. The right flank attack was pushed on till a hill was seized commanding the enemy's up-hill. When this flank attack was well developed the 4th Brigade advanced. The position was taken about 10 a.m.

Part of the 1st Brigade supported the 2nd Brigade. The 1st Brigade remains at the camp in the Mastura Valley to-night.

Captain Searle, 30th Sikhs, was shot through the thigh.

The advance into the Tish Valley to the north of the Arhangha Pass is being continued.

Sir William Lockhart writes that the Arhangha Pass was taken at 10 a.m. yesterday with few casualties. Captain Searle, 30th Sikhs, being slightly wounded. The enemy made but slight opposition. Concentrated artillery fire compelled the tribesmen to evacuate their sangars as was the case at the Sampahga.

General Lockhart's force was descending from the Arhangha Pass into the Attili Thrah on Sunday.

Thrah Valley, 1st November.—Both divisions arrived here last night, except the 1st Brigade, who remained at the last camp, and the Dorsetshire Regiment, which remained on the Arhangha Pass to cover the movement of the transport. As the Afridis were clearly visible removing their families and flocks, apparently in a north-easterly direction.

The valley is in a wide basin surrounded by steep hills, crowned in places on the north side with fir trees, but there are no forests of trees either in the valley or on the hills. The valley is quite open with large areas of fairly flat ground with deep nullahs between them; the whole valley is well cultivated and very fertile. There are numerous homesteads rather than villages everywhere; these homesteads generally consist of a tower and two or three double or three storied houses surrounded by smaller buildings and outbuildings and with many walnut, peach, apricot, cherry and other trees round them. They are all full of grain and fodder, though in some cases the fodder was burnt before the troops arrived. But the numerous fowls, bowls of *ata*, honey, walnuts, etc., found in the houses show that the rapid advance rather took them by surprise. The water-supply is good, and the nights appear rather less cold than in the Mastura Valley. The valley now wears a late autumn appearance, but in the early spring or summer it must be very beautiful. In many places the sowing of wheat for the spring crop has begun.

2nd November.—A reconnaissance was made by the 1st Brigade yesterday by the K.O.S.B.'s, 1-3rd Gurkhas and 4 guns of No. 8 Mountain Battery, P.A. Brigades. General Nicholson accompanied the reconnaissance. Bapu consists of a single small house surrounded by some fine walnut trees, and is at the junction of the She Darra and Shikhar rivers. A little opposition was offered, and one Gurkha was killed and 3 wounded. Bapu is the place where all the principal Afridis *gurka* have been held.

A good many trowsers in the vicinity of the camp were blown down yesterday. The enemy attacked the convoy in the dark between here and the Arhangha Pass both last night and the night before. On the night of the 21st several *drabas*, or parties, were killed and some 60 made taken, and about 200 kits of the 15th Sikhs are missing. The escort of the latter regiments rallied round the ammunition mules, and despite the enemy's endeavours to capture the ammunition, succeeded in bringing it all in intact. The convoy was attacked last night, and some soldiers of the West Surrey were killed and wounded and transport animals captured. The enemy seized a village close to the part of the camp where the 15th Sikhs are towards dusk last night, and two companies had to be sent to dislodge them; one man of the 36th Sikhs was wounded. Lieutenant Cuffe, Yorkshire Regiment, was wounded in the right shoulder while out with his regiment foraging yesterday. Large numbers of the enemy were visible yesterday and this morning removing grain on animals over a pass north-east of the camp.

A good many officers and men are suffering from dysentery. There was a sharp frost last night. The mules are now running regularly, and the *Flower* of October 28th came in last night.

Malakand, 27th Oct.—Sir Bindon Blood again inspected the defences of Malakand to-day, and will move to-morrow to Dargai, taking with him some of the Guides Cavalry, the 10th Field Battery and Highland Light Infantry, and the 2nd Brigade will probably follow in a day's time.

There was an inspection today of the transport animals which were with the 2nd Brigade in the recent operations, and out of nearly 1,000 only 18 were on the sick list. All the sick and wounded here are doing well. Rifle thieves are again at work here and at Chakdara, five rifles and a carbine having been stolen last night in spite of careful precautions.

Camp Bara, 27th October.—Some cases of daring thefts have occurred lately. On the night of the 23rd instant a party of thieves succeeded in carrying off two Commissioner's bullock carts from among a convoy which had come in late at night from Peshawar, and a portion of which had camped out independently and unknown to the nearest guard. The same party a little later shot a *dhobi* and carried off several bundles of clothing. Last night a convoy of bullock carts came in from Peshawar about 10.30 p.m., and was attacked by thieves within 500 yards of camp; two drivers were badly wounded and two bullocks carried off. Two drivers who belonged to the post-office, which were left behind some 150 yards from the fort, were also carried off, but one was subsequently recovered.

A party of the 37th Dogras was attacked near Karor Singh last night. One *havildar* was killed, three sepoys wounded, and four sepoys were stolen. Roadmaking towards Mamani is being steadily carried on, and by this evening the road will be completed up to seven miles from camp.

28th October.—Transport for the Peshawar Column is still being collected. Eight hundred mules and ponies came in yesterday, and two hundred more will come to-day. This will about complete the whole transport required for the force. Supplies have hitherto been conveyed by mule-drawn contracts; these will now be diminished, and the worst of the animals will be replaced.

New was received to-day that orders have been issued for a 12-pounder battery with elephant carriage to be at once organised and equipped and despatched to join the Peshawar Column. Conjectures are rife as to its final destination. Stalking parties were told off from the Gurkhas last night to attempt the capture of some of the thieves who infest the north-east corner of the camp where the Peshawar road runs in, and who are getting very bold. They were seen and one man was seized and another slightly wounded with a bayonet, but none were finally captured.

29th October.—Half a squadron of the 9th Bengal Lancers and the Oxford's went out yesterday 6½ miles in the direction of the Gandoor Pass to cover a skirmishing party. The cavalry outposts were fired on by the enemy from the low hills at about 1,000 yards distance without intermission from 9 a.m. till the force withdrew at 3 p.m. No reply was returned to the fire, which caused the enemy to become bolder and to advance a short distance into the *khadar* where they remained the rest of the day. There were no casualties.

October 30th.—Last night was the most lively the column has yet experienced. First of all some trials of star shells took place about 9.30 p.m., later firing was heard to the north-east of the camp, where the Gurkhas were skirmishing with local marauders, and finally about 10.30 p.m. a party of some 15 men commenced sniping into the west face of the camp. The fire was replied to by the Oxford's, and apparently one man was hit, for a cry was heard, and this morning a blood-stained shell was found.

Dates Khel, 31st October.—Five headmen belonging to the villages of Tormor, situated about 2 miles above Sheraun, which, with the villages of the Malakand settlement, were chiefly concerned in the attack of the 10th June, came in and surrendered themselves to General Bird two days ago, and to-day Khan, Sabib and three other headmen made their way to follow shortly afterwards by Sudda Khan and his brother Shadom, the headmen of the Madda Khel tribe. They will be tried by a tribunal especially assembled for the purpose, and it is believed that the *sangars* rendered the trial untenable. The health of the troops is good. The water is excellent and the weather bright and cold with frost at night. The elevation of the camp is 6,000 feet.

1st November.—General Hammond reports a few shots were fired into camp at Bara on Saturday night. Khowja Mir, the Sipah Mullah, is said to have arrived at Gandoor with a small *afzal*. The health of the troops continues good.

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